GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Use of Banned Pesticides
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pesticides registered in India;

(b) whether the Government has decided not to ban pesticides suspected to be carcinogenic despite the recommendation by the Parliamentary Standing Committee;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of the pesticides banned in India;

(e) whether consultations have been made with other ministries before implementing the above decision; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): There are 261 technical pesticides registered under section 9(3) of the Insecticides Act, 1968. The list is at Annexure-I. In addition, the details of the formulations registered are at Annexure-II.

(b) & (c): The Government registers pesticides only after a detailed evaluation of safety and efficacy to human, animal and environmental health. Technical reviews are carried out from time to time and continued use of pesticides is permitted only if found safe. A technical review of 6 neo-nicotinoid class of pesticides which concluded in 2014, led to introduction of precautionary declarations on the labels of such pesticides. Report on a technical review of 66 pesticides banned, restricted, withdrawn in one or more countries is under consideration of the Government.

(d): The details are at Annexure −III.

(e) & (f): Inter Ministerial Consultations are held where necessary. Draft Orders are published for comments from stakeholders and interested parties before the final orders are issued.